

MISCELLANEOUS.

FROM LATE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN PAPERS.

Fourteen Protestant Clergymen have challenged an equal number of Roman Catholic priests to meet them in controversial discussion in Kilkenny.

For a small piece of land at Brighton, less than an acre, for which the owner gave £350, he has been offered £5000, but requires £2000.

The Linerick Chronicle states that a treadmill is to be attached to the military barracks in every garrison town.

One inmate in England committed in 1837, is not less than 93,000 persons.

The newly born son of the Marquis of Abercorn is heir to an unincumbered rental of £200,000 a year.

M. Faun, editor of the literary portion of the Debats at Paris, has drawn, in an Italian lottery, the prize of the villa Lazzarini, near Lucca, valued at 100,000 crowns. He immediately presented one of the pavilions to an eminent artist, one of his friends.

Pere Etienne, ex chief of the St. Simonians, is now a village postmaster in France.

COST OF MR. MACAULAY'S INDIAN CODE.—However problematical the success of the attempt to frame a code of laws for India, the expense is quite certain, and also certain to be enormous. We shall attempt to estimate it.

The Legislative Council, or President of the Law Commission, besides £12,000 for passage-money, has 10,000 a year. Each of four members, £5,000; and there is a Secretary with £3,000 which, in bare salaries, is £33,000 per annum. Then come house-rent, office-rent, clerks, stationary, and printing, which, to be within bounds, we shall only estimate at £7,000. Here then is a net annual expenditure of £10,000. Let the expense be first tested by "the usual code."

The proposition of the mere project—for it is not yet law, and most likely never will be—look, as is stated by the Commissioners themselves, two years and two months. The project of the penal code, then, cost upwards of £85,000; every one of its twenty-six chapters cost upwards of £3,300; every octavo page of it near £1,300; every clause of it £177; every word in it a couple of guineas. Droe's code was said to be written in letters of blood; without the least reference to the merits or demerits of Mr. Macaulay's, it may be said to have been written in letters of gold.—Spectator.

AN IGNORANT DEFENCE.—The trial which excited the greatest interest at the Wilts Assizes, was that of George Thom, convicted of stealing a quantity of brush baskets. The interest was in some degree justified by the situation in life the prisoner filled; but more particularly from the knowledge of the fact that he was on the eve of marriage with a young lady of considerable fortune of Truro-bridge. The day, indeed, had been fixed for the ceremony, and the house in which they were to reside was handsomely furnished.

Two professional gentlemen of great legal ability were engaged to prepare his defence, and an eminent counsel pleaded for him; but his guilt was too palpable. One of the modes resorted to by the prisoner to obtain an acquittal was very ingenious, and, had he observed a little more caution, it might have succeeded.

Whilst in confinement in the new prison, he tore off part of a letter he had received from Miss Rymer, his intended bride, upon which he wrote a memorandum of the articles found in his possession, as if for the purpose of entering them in his day-book at some future time in his account. This memorandum a person was procured to place in the factory of the prosecutor. After being satisfied that this was done, the prosecutor was for the first time given to understand that the prisoner had debited himself with the articles, and a request was made that search be made for the memorandum. A search was consequently made, and the memorandum soon found. Suspicion was excited; an application was made to the governor of the prison; the prisoners' papers were taken from him, and amongst them his letter from Miss Rymer, from which the piece of paper containing the memorandum was torn. Had this letter been destroyed, in all probability the prisoner would have been acquitted. Miss Rymer, who is represented as a most amiable and worthy young woman, and of irreproachable character, so far suffered her attachment to the prisoner to overcome every other feeling, as to swear that the letter, when sent to the prisoner, was in the same mutilated state that it then was. The governor of the prison, however, swore positively to the contrary. The jury found the prisoner guilty.

and he was sentenced to ten years' transportation. It is stated that Miss Rymer will follow him to his place of destination.

MADAME CELESTE.—Previously to leaving England, this distinguished actress addressed the following to the Liverpool Chronicle:—

"To the British Public.—Being about to sail for the United States, I take this method of acknowledging, with a grateful heart, the distinguished patronage and kindness which has been so liberally extended towards me, throughout the United Kingdom. To the London press particularly, and the British press generally, I am under many obligations, for their indulgence and generous criticisms on my various professional exertions. I feel this compliment warmly, as I have not the pleasure of being acquainted with a single person connected with the London Press, I have England without ever having had an alteration or harsh word with manager, actor, or actress, and I feel proud in knowing that I am esteemed and respected by my professional associates.

"To part from those we reverence and esteem is a sad feeling, but to meet and part is the allotted portion of life; affection may breathe and gratitude entwine their sweetest, their dearest, and most enduring bonds, still, like the baseless fabric of a vision, they meet to be dissolved.—They are wrought to be broken. I have one consolation left, I am going to the land of my adoption—America!—the region of the mountains and the lake, where hospitality rivets welcome to the stranger, and liberty admits him to the full-right of the free. For the last time, O! God I leave you my non-bound slaves," with a saddened heart, but sincere prayers for blessings upon your "first-anchored side." God bless you all. Farewell. CELESTE."

UPPER CANADA.

HAMILTON, Oct. 15.—Three deserters, we believe, from the 85th regiment, were brought in here on Tuesday, under charge of Captain Keir and party, from Brantford. They were arrested in the woods by a party of fugitives, and marched into Brantford, from whence they were transmitted to Toronto by boat.

It has been mentioned to us that several regiments of militia are about to be raised for the service of Canada, and we see it also in some of several of the papers. We sincerely hope that it is the case, for prevention is better than cure, any day. It has also been stated to us, that the house lately erected near the wharf, by Mr. Daniels, has been taken by the government for an hospital.

It ought to be recollected, that we have a fishery in Lake Ontario extending from Cobourg to Wellinton, in which we believe the Americans have far the larger participation. This ought not to be suffered. We are credibly informed, that Americans carry off, annually, from our shores, white-fish to the value of £20,000!

LOWER CANADA.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—It is reported that Government intends erecting a number of block houses round the city. This would be infinitely better than the useless barriers that the public were annoyed with last winter.—Courier.

The warehouse of Adam Ferris, Esq. was broken into on Saturday night, and a quantity of wine in bottle carried off. A good deal of violence must have been used in effecting an entrance; and the wonder is that none of the night police heard the noise.—Id.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, THURSDAY, 25th OCT. 1838.

LATEST DATES. From London, Sept. 15. From New York, Oct. 20. From Philadelphia, Sept. 20. From St. Louis, Oct. 10. From Paris, Sept. 17. From Toronto, Oct. 10.

New York papers of Saturday last, furnish no later European news, nor any local intelligence of interest.

The correspondent of the Quebec Exchange mentions the sailing of the steam-ship Royal William, on Saturday, at two o'clock, p.m. Among her passengers was Captain Conroy, A. D. C. the bearer of despatches from His Excellency the Governor General to the Home Government.

The case of the United States vs. Van Ransselaer, the celebrated Navy Island General, came on for trial in the District Court of Albany, on the 15th inst. In consequence of the

absence of witnesses for the prosecution, it was postponed until the October term of 1839, which may be considered equivalent to an acquittal.

The Montreal Herald of Tuesday last, says Captain Gaultie, A. D. C. and Colonel Eden, have arrived in town, and it is understood that several battalions of Provincial troops for five years' service, are to be embodied immediately. We believe they will be stationed in the disaffected parishes and along the frontier.

In alluding to the harlequinism of the chairman of the recent meeting held at the door of St. Roch's Church, to compliment Lord Brougham, the New York Gazette says,— "If this Mr. Dolet is so clever at this business, and is such a 'host in himself,' we don't see what necessity there was for him to go to the economy of having anybody about him—he is a meeting it seems in his own person, and can not only be president, vice-president, and several secretaries, as is the modern fashion, but he can be all the speaker, resolution mover, seconder, and taller, and finally voters enough to carry everything unanimously! We hope he appointed himself a committee to present the resolutions to Lord Brougham."

By the way, whilst on this subject, we ought to record an instance of Mr. Charles Hunter's ubiquity, which was almost as wonderful as Mr. Charles Dolet's versatility, on the occasion above alluded to. It appears that this gentleman, who did the part of secretary, was at some distance from the meeting when the proceedings which he recorded so faithfully took place. This may seem strange; but "All men think all men mortal but themselves."

Announcing of persons favorable to a Friendly Union for the promotion of useful knowledge and the suppression of vice, will take place at the Court House of this city, this afternoon, at three o'clock.

From the Montreal papers we learn the melancholy fact that another officer of the 15th Regiment, Lieut. Roe, expired on Friday last, at Chambly, from the effects of the injuries which he sustained while escaping from his hotel-room in the officers' barracks, on the night of Thursday last, when that building was enveloped in flames.

The Canadian Amateurs of Quebec will perform at the Theatre Royal this evening. We have not heard the names of the pieces to be acted, nor the object to which the proceeds of the performance are to be applied.

The Quebec Gazette (French) of Saturday publishes a list of public men in Canada who have been accused of high crimes, and the manner in which they have been disposed of. Among the later instances given, are the following:—

- PIERRE BERARD, imprisoned on accusation of treasonable practices in 1810,—appointed Judge in 1813.
JEAN THOMAS TACHÉREAU, imprisoned in 1810,—appointed Judge in 1817.
FRANÇOIS BLANCHET, imprisoned in 1810, appointed Inspector of Hospitals in 1813.
ELIEZER BERARD, mover of the 92 Resolutions in 1831,—Judge in 1836.
JAMES STEART, impeached the Chief Justices in 1814,—appointed Attorney General in 1826,—dismissed on charges made by the House of Assembly in 1832,—appointed Chief Justice in '38.

George H. Ryland, Esq. has been appointed Clerk of the Executive Council, in the place of his father, deceased.

The steamer British America, on her last trip to Montreal, broke the walking beam of her starboard engine. She was deeply laden, and had two heavy barges in tow. The larboard engine enabled her to bring on the barges to the foot of the current, and she reached the port of Montreal in safety, at twelve o'clock on Sunday.

The celebrated American tragedian, Forrest, who has recently taken an active and conspicuous part in politics, has been put in nomination for Congress by the Loco-Focos of New York, but declines to "run."

Mr. Adam Thom will proceed to England in a few days, where, we are sure, his powerful talents will be exerted in our favour wherever he can find an opportunity.—Montreal Herald.

From Willis' beautiful letters "Under the Bridge," published in the Mirror, and which

surpass any thing of the kind in the English language, not excepting Charles Lamb's writings in the same plain sparkling vein, we learn that the poet Campbell is coming to America, to visit that hallowed vale of Wyoming, which his pen has immortalized, though never held by the author. * * * * * Boz? In other words, that marvellous young writer Dickens, whose P. F. weeklies papers have spread like wildfire over the reading world, also proposes to embark shortly in the Great Western.—New York Star.

From the Quebec Gazette of yesterday. By permission of Capt. Ping, of H. M. Ship Inconstant, a letter box is opened at the Quebec Exchange for that Ship, to close on Thursday morning, 1st November next, at 9 o'clock, for Plymouth.

We understand that Mr. P. E. Leclere has been named Superintendent and Inspector of Police for Montreal, and the Police Ordinance has been extended to the whole Island of Montreal, to Isle Jesus and Bourcherville, Valerona on the South Shore, and Repentigny and Lac Beauport on the North Shore, also to the whole extent of the harbour of Montreal, under the Act 45, Geo. III. cap. 12.

The Quebec Police is to be increased to 75 men. A petition has been sent in to His Excellency for a night watch in the Lower Town; for which we suppose the augmented police force will be sufficient.

* * * * * Mem. can scarcely expect us to publish his statements, implying charges against persons "in high places," without being informed of the name of his author.

COMMERCIAL.

AUCTION SALES TO TAKE PLACE. THIS DAY AT TWO O'CLOCK. By THOS. HAMILTON—Chain Cables, &c. on Napoleon Wharf. By PIERRE SHEPPARD—Coffee, Rice, Fruit, &c. on Gaultie's Wharf.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF QUEBEC. ARRIVED. October 22nd. Schooner True Friend, Godfr. 25th Oct. St. John, Newfoundland, via Gaspe, Leyscraft & Co. sugar, fish and oil. 23rd. Two Schooners from the fisheries, and the Tainity Yacht from Ant cost.

CLEARED. October 13 d. Bark Wateren, Doals, London, Price & Co. Bark Wm. & Mary, Scott, Colehour, Pemberton, Brig. Lord Brougham, Peacock, Scotchman, Le Messurier & Co. Park Wincates, Walmley, Liverpool, H. W. Welch. Bark Joanna, Robertson, do. Gilmour & Co. 24 th.

Ship Lady Gordon, Seur, Dublin, Ryan Brothers. Brig Guiana, Carling, Carl. George Black. Brig Tar, Langley, Linerick, Price & Co. Bark Boston, Barr, London, do. Bark Restitution, Moon, Plymouth, 25th Oct. & Co.

LETTER BAGS AT THE EXCHANGE. London, Park Canada, to close to-morrow. Liverpool, Bark Sals, to close on Saturday. Thomas S. Jodit, Esq., Advocate of Montreal, to Sarah, daughter of the late Abraham Schoyer, Esq. Glasgow, Jean Baptiste, to close to-morrow.

MEMORANDA. The steam-ship Great Western was spoken on the 7th inst., at 7, p.m. in lat. 41 long. 50 by the ship Stearns, arrived at Boston.

BIETH. At Montreal, on Monday last, Mrs. M-Lean, of a son and two daughters—all doing well.

MARRIED. At Montreal, on the 22nd inst. by the Rev. Henry Esson, Mr. Peter Grant, of Kirk gton, U. C. to Miss Isabella Kennedy of Montreal. At New York, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 17th by the American Consul, by his Honor the Mayor, Thomas S. Jodit, Esq., Advocate of Montreal, to Sarah, daughter of the late Abraham Schoyer, Esq.

DIED. Suddenly on Tuesday night, in the 51st year of her age, Eliza Jones, relict of the late Honorable J. Bte. Chevalier Duchesnoy.

THE Subscribers have just received a large supply of the following celebrated Medicines, viz: OLDDRIDGE'S BALM OF COLUMBIA, HAY'S LINIMENT for Piles, Rheumatism, &c. HEADACHE REMEDY. ALSO, A fresh supply of MOFFATT'S LIFE PILLS and PHENIX BITTERS.

BEGG & URQUHART, 13, St. John Street, and 8, Notre Dame St., L. T.

25th October.